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SUBJECT: M.V. KAMATH ON NRC CONSIDERATION OF FUEL FOR TARAPUR

1. THE MARCH 18 "TIMES OF INDIA" CARRIES AN ARTICLE FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, M.V. KAMATH, REPORTING THAT THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION POSTPONED ITS DECISION ON THE SHIPMENT OF 7.6 TONS OF FUEL FOR TARAPUR DUE TO A LACK OF A QUORUM. KAMATH NOTED THAT MORE THAN TWO MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER "PROMISED" THIS FUEL DELIVERY IN HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT. KAMATH COMMENTED THAT THIS DELAY "DOES NOT SPEAK WELL FOR HIS (THE PRESIDENT'S) CLOUT WITH THE NRC." NOR "DOES IT ENHANCE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION OR THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES AS A SUPPLIER OF NUCLEAR FUEL TO CLIENTS." KAMATH ALSO NOTED THAT U.S. ENVIRONMENTALISTS ARE THREATENING TO DEMAND PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE SHIPMENT. KAMATH COMMENTED THAT SUCH PRESSURE "AMOUNTS TO HARASSMENT OF INDIA, WHICH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS UNABLE TO PREVENT."

2. NO OTHER DELHI PAPERS CARRIED THIS REPORT.

3. ACCORDING TO A BRIEF SAMACHAR DISPATCH APPEARING
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IN MOST DELHI PAPERS MARCH 18, FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE TOLD THE RAJYA SABHA ON MARCH 17 THAT ENVIRONMENTALIST GROUPS IN THE U.S. HAVE ASKED THE NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE RELEASING THE FUEL SHIPMENT FOR TARAPUR. IN HIS RESPONSE TO THE STARRED QUESTION, VAJPAYEE STATED THAT SUCH HEARNINGS WOULD DELAY THE SHIPMENT, ADDING THAT THE NRC MAY

DECIDE ON THE QUESTION OF HEARINGS WITHIN A WEEK.
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